

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING May 17, 2017 COMMISSION CHAMBERS COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111 4:00 p.m.

Notice: These minutes are paraphrased and reflect the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. MCA 7-4-2611 (2) (b). These minutes were officially approved at the June 13, 2017 Commission meeting.

Present: Chairman Jim Larson, Commissioner Jane Weber, and Commissioner Briggs, Josh Racki, Matt Robinson, Ashley Wilkinson, Carolyn Mattingly, Stephanie Fuller, Sean Higginbotham, Carey Ann Haight, Bonnie Fogerty, and Marie Johnson.

Chairman Larson called the special meeting to order.

Special Meeting Item #1

Resolution 17-42: Appoint a special prosecutor for prosecutorial assistance in the case of the State vs. S.W.K. R0339599

Carey Ann Haight stated that this is a conflict of interest and they have requested Brandt Light's assistance.

Commissioner Briggs made a <u>MOTION</u> to approve Resolution 17-42 for prosecutorial assistance in the case of State vs. S.W.K. Motion carries 3-0

Special Meeting Item #2

Resolution 17-47 Appointment of County Attorney for Cascade County R0339598, F0011992

Commissioner Briggs thanked Matt Robinson and Josh Racki for applying for the County Attorney position. He appreciated their broad range of knowledge and stated that they have a great deal of passion for their work, which made this a fine pool of deputy attorneys.

Commissioner Weber echoed Commissioner Briggs comments and complimented the four (4) individuals who applied for the position. She said the two applicants chosen for an interview underwent a very rigorous interview session. She thanked Carey Ann Haight for her assistance in reviewing and preparing the interview questions

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Commussions Minutes and for serving as the interim County Attorney while the BOCC were seeking a permanent replacement.

Commissioner Weber made a <u>MOTION</u> to appoint Josh Racki pursuant to MCA 7-4-2201 and 7-4-2206 as County Attorney for Cascade County to assume the duties immediately upon his swearing in; and so serve the remainder of former County Attorney John Parker's expired term. Interim County Attorney Carey Ann Haight shall immediately be relieved of her Interim County Attorney appointment upon the swearing in of Cascade County Attorney Josh Racki. **Motion carries 3-0**

Chairman Larson repeated the comments of Commissioners Weber and Briggs. He also announced that it was a difficult decision to choose one County Attorney from all the fine applicants.

Commissioner Briggs informed Josh Racki that John Parker is available to swear him in and encouraged him to swear in at this time.

Chairman Larson adjourned the special meeting at 4:15 p.m.